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Dr Geo. Engelmann
St Louis Mo

Dear Sir I forward to your address to day one package of ferns and plants, which I hope may reach you in safety. Myself and some others being out on a tramp in the woods a few days since found the maiden hair fern and as we differed in opinion as to its name I have taken the liberty of sending to you for correct name - I send it so you can plant it if you desire also please name the other two plants enclosed - the plant with the azure blue flower grows in a few localities in our prairies but is not plentiful, it is a flower that last a long time and blooms continuously through the driest and hottest weather, any favor I can do for you here, shall be done with alacrity and pleasure - I am with much respect yours

John M. Hunter
formerly of Belleville Illinois

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Should have said the time with the five pointed leaf has flowers of a bright pinto. color = and of Ipomea shape = Please adieu –

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